

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1-23 remain unchanged. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-23 are allowable. The Applicant also notes that the first Office Action was received approximately 8 months after filing of the application. The Applicant appreciates the expedited examination and thanks the Examiner for speedy and quality examination.

On page 2, paragraph 1 of the Quayle Office Action, Figure 3 was objected to for a noted minor informality. The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection. However, in order to advance the application to issue, the Applicant has amended Figure 3 to overcome the noted minor informality. Please cancel original Figure 3 and substitute instead new Figure 3 attached herewith. The Applicant asserts that the scope of the application has not been changed and that no new matter has been added in amended new Figure 3. The Applicant respectfully asserts that Figure 3 is in compliance with the rules regarding drawing figures and requests that the objection of Figure 3 be withdrawn.

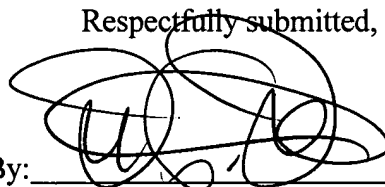
For at least the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance. The Applicant requests that the application be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees or has any question regarding this submission, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (312) 775-8000.

A Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fredrick T. French III', is written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosures: New Amended Figure 3